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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Officer

DATE: May 7, 2008

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XIV: Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a grant from NIKE, Inc. and LA84 Foundation and authorizing a sole source contract with Players Turf USA for the installation of a soccer field at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of a grant from NIKE, Inc. and LA84 Foundation and authorizing a sole source contract with Players Turf USA for the installation of a soccer field at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens.

Background: NIKE, Inc. is a leading designer, marketer, and distributor of athletic footwear, apparel, equipment and accessories. NIKE, Inc. has created a program called "Let Me Play" which provides grants to support the promotion of sport. LA84 Foundation is a private nonprofit institution, endowed with surplus funds from the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games, whose mission is to serve youth through sport. NIKE, Inc. and LA84 Foundation work together to fund the installation of play surfaces for youth in Southern California.

NIKE, Inc. and LA84 Foundation have proposed to award a grant to the MRCA to install one futsal court (a small outdoor soccer field) at Los Angeles River Center and Gardens. The location of the futsal court is the approximately 7,000 square foot existing tennis court, currently leased to Anahuak Youth Soccer Association.

NIKE, Inc. and LA84 Foundation have two conditions to donating the funds to the MRCA. The first condition is that MRCA use Play Turf USA to install the futsal court. Play Turf USA specializes in installing play surfaces pursuant to Let-Me-Play grants, which includes the use of materials made from recycled athletic shoes, a technology specifically developed by NIKE, Inc. The second condition of the funds is that MRCA provide soccer programming and report the number of children served by the programs. The MRCA has an existing lease with Anahuak Youth Soccer Association for the futsal court space. As part of this lease, Anahuak Youth Soccer Association will be responsible for the programming and reporting to satisfy this requirement.